AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 with:

The cable 1 is cut into a predetermined length by the cable-cutting/imprinting unit shown in Fig.3. The cable-cutting/imprinting unit includes: a reel 14 around which the cable 1 is wound and stored; upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B vertically forming a pair to draw the cable 1 from the reel 14; downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B disposed downstream from the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B in a direction 16 of movement of the cable 1 and vertically forming a pair; cutting blades 18A and 18B disposed centrally between the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B and the downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B and vertically forming a pair; an upstream guide tube 19 disposed between the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B and the cutting blades 18A and 18B; a downstream guide tube 20 disposed between the cutting blades 18A and 18B and the downstream feed rollers 17A and 17B; and an imprinting device 30. The downstream guide tube 20 is rotatable about an axis of a support shaft ~~20A~~ 20a mounted at an axially central portion thereof.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with:

Steps of cutting the cable 1 and marking the information on the cable 1 by the cable-cutting/imprinting unit will be described with reference to Figs.4A to 4J. The cable 1 is drawn from the reel 14 by the rotation of the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B, as shown in Fig.4A. In a state in which a leading end of the cable 1 has entered into the downstream guide tube 20 by a predetermined length, the pair of upper and lower cutting blades 18A and 18B are operated from the non-cutting position to the coat-cutting position, and thereafter the cable 1 is returned so that its leading end

recedes into the upstream guide roller 19 by the reverse rotation of the upstream feed rollers 15A and 15B, as shown in ~~Fig.B~~ Fig. 4B. Thus, the coat portion at the leading end of the cable 1 is peeled off, and the removed coat portion is left in the downstream guide tube 20. Thereupon, when the cutting blades 18A and 18B are operated to the non-cutting position and the downstream guide tube 20 is turned to assume a vertical attitude, as shown in Fig.4C, the removed coat portion left in the downstream guide tube 20 is discharged.